

State Dep't: Soviets to restore Israel ties, perhaps by summer

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The U.S. State Department has concluded that the Soviet Union will probably move to restore diplomatic relations with Israel this year, perhaps as early as summer.

The State Department, according to a source, said over the weekend that the U.S. has picked up several significant indications of a Soviet move in this direction. They thought restoration of ties

could come before the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East conference during the latter half of this year.

The Soviets, who broke relations with Israel during the 1967 Six Day War, are seen as anxious to expand their role in Arab-Israeli diplomatic efforts. The Kremlin is coming around to the conclusion that it will need formal ties both with Israel and with the Arab states to play an effective role, according to the Americans.

In today's Hearst newspapers, diplomatic correspondent John Wallach quotes a top Soviet official as saying that the Soviet Union "is moving in the direction of establishing normal relations" with Israel and the first steps may be taken before the Geneva conference.

The unnamed Soviet official, asked how long this process might take, replied: "Within a comparatively short period."

There is considerable speculation among informed sources that Poland and Hungary might restore ties with Israel even before the Soviets. Asked about this possibility, a senior Polish Embassy official told Wallach: "I am not in a position to confirm or deny the report. Since early 1976, there has been considerable talk of making such a move. I understand that this process is still going on in Poland but no decision has been reached."

The Polish official noted that there have been several recent cultural exchanges between Poland and Israel and "some business is always going on."

And he added that new considerations have been given to broadening ties "not in the very distant past."

According to U.S. sources, there have been several recent indications of this developing Soviet and East European willingness to restore ties with Israel. Officials have pointed to what was generally perceived as a "moderate" statement outlining Soviet policy in the Middle East issued by the Kremlin last month — a statement that minimized the impact of the Yom Kippur War.

Official sources said Khaddam would discuss the current situation in the Middle East and bilateral relations between the two countries, which have been strained in the past few months by Syrian assertions that Damascus was not receiving enough money from the oil states.

Khaddam's visit to Jeddah coincides with that of Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, who flew there from Amman yesterday to brief Saudi leaders on President Anwar Sadat's recent talks in Washington.

Leftist Cairo journalist expelled by France

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
PARIS. — Michel Kamel, a Cairo journalist on charge of masterminding from abroad January's Egyptian riots, was ordered to leave France yesterday.

The Paris prefecture of police said Kamel was being expelled because his three-month tourist residence permit had expired. But Kamel told reporters here he was being forced to leave France because of his political views.

Egypt jails spy for 25 years

CAIRO (AP). — An Egyptian was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment at hard labour yesterday, on charges of spying for Israel.

The supreme military court also sentenced Fayez el-Matary to pay a fine of 1,000 Egyptian pounds (IL25,000).

Matary, who comes from El-Arish, was said to have begun spying for Israel in April 1976. He was arrested last October.

The charge sheet gave no details.

Army group for south Lebanon set up by Sarkis

Jerusalem Post Staff
President Elias Sarkis announced over the weekend to proceed in regrouping a Lebanese Army contingent which he dispatched to his country's southern border region.

Sarkis' move is scheduled to take place in midweek with a four-member committee assigned to see the withdrawal of the Lebanese Liberation Organization (LLO) from the southern Lebanon. The committee was said to have agreed on a ceasefire, planned to go into effect

machines and rocket-propelled grenades were used.

The Christian-controlled enclave bordering Israel was quiet over the weekend.

An Israeli resident of Metulla, however, was shot at from across the border while driving a private car in the area of his home town. The resident, Kamel Mansour, escaped unhurt although the car window on his side was shattered by bullets. The IDF is investigating the incident at the site, which is not far from the township of El-Khiam, recently occupied by the terrorists.

Israel last week warned against the continued terrorist presence in the border area, stressing that it would no longer idly watch the PLO pressure on neighbouring Christian villages. The Israeli warning has sparked off consultations between the U.S. and a number of neighbouring Arab states. The U.S. was instrumental in defusing earlier tensions in south Lebanon.

A Rabin on trial today

AVIV. — The trial of Lea Rabin, wife of the late Prime Minister, is scheduled to get under way this morning before District Court Judge Evin.

The charge sheet against the minister's wife accuses her of using foreign currency without a license to the Treasury, as well as of using the charge sheet, which had two bank accounts in the name of money that passed through these two accounts, in the amount of \$21,101.

The prosecution, The Post learned, asked for a prison sentence (a sum of three years), since Mrs. Rabin is a first-time offender. However, she is liable to a fine of three times the amount involved in the offence.

Mrs. Rabin is represented by attorney Shimon Alexandroni. The charge sheet was filed by Tel Aviv District Attorney Victoria Ostrovsky-Cohen.

The trial, which both sides agreed to hold as soon as possible, will be a short one. The charge sheet will be read, and the accused is expected to plead guilty. When the two sides have presented their cases regarding the punishment, the judge will pronounce sentence.

Man owed IL5 billion firms, self-employed

By GIDION ESHEIT, Jerusalem Post Reporter

EMPLOYED persons and firms owe the income tax authorities a total of IL5 billion — except "black money." A report by the Internal Revenue Administration says the debt is split between the self-employed and firms.

A sample assessment of 2,000 self-employed showed that their real tax-come was three times greater than stated, according to Eliezer U. the income tax commissioner.

A projection is made on the basis of the figure to obtain the correct amount for all self-employed, the conclusion is that yet another IL5 billion could be collected.

The report shows that tax revenue from the self-employed increased by 60 per cent last year — the same increase as that obtained from wage-earners whose tax is deducted at source.

Seventy per cent of the self-employed submitted tax returns in 1976, but the authorities completed the assessments of only 17 per cent. Forty per cent of tax returns submitted since 1976 have not yet been fully processed by the authorities.

Expressed in numbers, this means that more than a quarter of a million tax files are incomplete.

Tax officials say the situation is due partly to a shortage of manpower.

Israel and Portugal to exchange ambassadors

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel and Portugal formally announced last night that they would establish diplomatic relations as soon as possible. The announcement was made jointly by Portuguese Premier Mario Soares and Israel's Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, who are in Amsterdam for a Socialist International meeting.

In Jerusalem well-placed observers expected Ephraim Eldar, Israel's consul in Lisbon, to be appointed its first ambassador there. The Lisbon consulate was set up during the Salazar regime, but it was specifically stated at the time that its establishment did not denote Portuguese recognition of Israel.

The formal normalization of ties between the two countries comes after a lengthy period of thaw in previously frigid relations, a thaw brought on by the ascent to power of Soares' Socialist government.

The Portuguese leader pledged publicly in his first policy speech to normalize his country's links with China and Israel. Numerous meetings between him and Israeli leaders have followed — culminating in yesterday's joint communiqué.

Officials here said that Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan would visit Portugal shortly, returning a visit here by Portuguese Agriculture Minister Antonio Lopes Cardoso.

Cardoso, however, will not be Uzan's host. He resigned from the Soares government in November.

Alon urges fellow socialists to put pressure on USSR

AMSTERDAM. — In a call for "dynamic rather than static détente," Foreign Minister Yigal Alon yesterday urged fellow socialists in the West who have good relations with the Soviet Union to put more pressure on Moscow about the Jewish emigration problem.

Human rights and arms limitations were the main topics discussed on the first day of a two-day meeting of socialist government and party leaders in a heavily guarded downtown Amsterdam hotel.

Alon also told the conference that the Cubans had no place in Africa and suggested that steps be discussed to curtail their activities in that part of the world.

Eight prime ministers are attending the conference, including West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, Danish Prime Minister A. Jorgensen and Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares.

Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, who chaired the meeting, said that there was no reason for pessimism about the chances for détente. But he warned against "dangerous misjudgements and illusory ideas," especially on human rights.

He also said he was still convinced the dialogue on strategic arms limitations between the Soviet Union and the U.S. still showed readiness to compromise on both sides.

Brandt also called on the West not to neglect the Vienna talks on troop reductions in Central Europe. A first, limited reduction agreement between the North Atlantic Alliance and the Warsaw Pact would have "great political and psychological importance," he said.

As to the forthcoming Belgrade conference on European security, he said it should try to develop what was agreed on at the 1975 Helsinki meeting rather than seek to expand the "ambitious" programme.

Dutch Premier Joop den Uyl opened the meeting, saying human rights, new relationships between the new and Third World, and détente were subjects that had to be worked on. The premier said he felt the topics were interrelated and would have to be treated as such at future conferences.

Danish Prime Minister Jorgensen told his colleagues that if the world wants more disarmament, then more proposals will have to be put forward. He also suggested that socialists would have to fight for more freedom and social justice and a better distribution of welfare.

Peres pledges 'crystallized idea of peace' in next Alignment gov't

By SRAYA SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the Alignment forms the next coalition, the government will outline a proposal which would crystallize Israel's idea of peace, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

The plan President Sadat submitted to U.S. President Carter could not be considered by Israel, Peres said, because it would give the Arabs all they had failed to gain in war. But he thanked the U.S. administration for the trouble it was taking in sounding out prospects of peace.

Peres also expressed his satisfaction at the Russians' withdrawal from the Middle East, saying "the further the Russians are from us — the better."

Speaking at the opening session of the British Olin Society's national conference at Beit Millman in Ramat Aviv here, Peres said the government he hopes to head would have to be strong enough to deal with the major issues without being sidetracked. The issues Peres listed as most important were curbing inflation, closing the social gap and renewing the aliyah momentum.

He said the Jewish communities in the Soviet Union and South America are in danger. He also urged North African Jews who had made a "long stopover" in France to come on aliyah.

Peres acknowledged there are difficulties in absorption and said that after the elections his government would somewhat decentralize absorption efforts.

The congress opened with a benediction by Rabbi Emanuel Fisher. Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen and British Ambassador John Maseo were present at the opening ceremony.

Police seek Flatto Sharon associate

By DAVID LANDAU, Jerusalem Post reporter

Police are looking for an associate of fugitive French financier (and Knesset candidate) Samuel Flatto Sharon whom the French authorities may want extradited along with Flatto for alleged financial offences.

The man, Tibor Hajek, born in Budapest, is believed to have fled to Israel from France, but has not been located here yet. When found he will be arraigned in court on a "provisional detention order," pending the arrival of his files from Paris.

A tearful farewell to IL68,000

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An unidentified man using a tear gas canister stole IL68,000 last night from the owner of a petrol station.

Isser Teich, 66, who owns the petrol station at the Savoyon Junction on the old Lod road, told police he was held up in Nahalat Yitzhak about 9 p.m. He said a man who sprayed tear gas in his face made off with a bag containing IL68,000 in cash and IL20,000 in cheques — the day's take. The robber got away on a Honda motorcycle, he said.

Police said tear gas canisters are not available for sale to the public and are used only by security forces.

Mondale defends Ambassador Young

DETROIT (AP). — Vice-President Walter Mondale said yesterday that the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, "speaks his mind and that's the way we want it."

Mondale defended Young at a press conference when asked about the ambassador's assertion that the white South African government is "illegitimate."

"This is an open administration and we are not demanding of every one of our leaders an absolute clearing process," the Vice-President said. He called Young "a marvelous person" who has done an outstanding job as ambassador.

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Carter says figures show world has much less oil than was thought

CIA study shows oil price to triple by 1985

WASHINGTON. — A Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) report on world oil production warns that by 1985 demand will outstrip production. "The Washington Post" reported yesterday.

Quoting sources close to the study, classified as "confidential," the paper said the CIA based the 19-page report on private reports from oil companies.

It said in part that the demand for oil by 1985 would treble the price, while now stands at \$12 a barrel.

Production would then begin to turn down from a peak of 66m. barrels a day. (According to a recent report, the U.S. alone consumed 17.4m. barrels a day in 1976; and figures for February are expected to show U.S. consumption up then to 20m. barrels a day.)

On Friday President Carter, who addresses the U.S. tomorrow night on a new energy policy, said the CIA study, which has not yet been released, was "disturbing."

The President, who is expected to call for some mandatory controls on consumer energy consumption, told a press conference that the CIA report indicated that previous estimates of world oil reserves were "found to be quite excessive. Reserves are not as great as we thought they were."

"Reserve estimates that had been used as a basis for decisions in the past were found to be quite excessive comprehensive American energy policy he will announce this week will be inflationary. But he said: "I believe our policy will be less inflationary than an absence of a policy."

The President made his statements at a nationally televised news conference. He met afterwards with seven labour leaders at an energy briefing in the Cabinet Room at the White House. Carter's chief energy adviser, James Schlesinger, gave them a preview of the energy programme.

"We hope to increase the supply of enriched uranium," Carter told the labour leaders. He said this would be necessary because of his end to government support for the production of plutonium.

Carter announced the end of production support for plutonium last week as part of his programme to control the spread of nuclear weapons around the world. Plutonium, found in spent fuel from conventional uranium-burning power plants, can be used to make bombs.

Carter disclosed no details of the CIA study. A spokesman for the intelligence agency, asked for the study, said, "we got caught without a document."

"Unaccustomed as we are to being praised on national television by a president, we are not prepared to release it right now," the CIA spokesman said. He added that the agency was trying to expunge portions that would harm national

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Sea strike hits ships abroad

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's ports are now partially blockaded by the strike of the Marine Officers Union, which was extended beyond Israel's borders on Friday. About 25 Israeli merchant vessels — a quarter of the country's merchant fleet — are affected by the strike so far.

The cabinet is to discuss the situation at its weekly meeting today.

At an emergency meeting last night, Zim's board of directors instructed the company's management to take whatever steps it considered necessary to cut losses caused by the strike, "in order to assure the company's survival."

Possible measures may include selling or withdrawing ships from service, and dismissing of workers.

Marine Officers union secretary Adam Chiskil responded that the union would refuse to accept dismissal notices. Zim had no moral right to sell off ships, he said, since its fleet had been built from German reparations money.

Friday saw a moderation of the stand of one of the unions involved in the three-way dispute, and a hardening by the other.

Following a meeting between union leaders and shipping companies, the ratings union called off its strike. The ratings were striking against the objectives of the officers union — which are to ensure the maintenance of existing pay differentials between merchant marine officers and ordinary seamen, whatever wage increases the latter may be awarded.

But the officers union, in a toughening of its position, said it would call on the International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF) to order a boycott of the more than 40 Israeli merchant vessels flying flags of convenience, wherever they called.

The union claimed it was taking this step to force Israel's shipping companies to sign standard ITF contracts with their Israeli crews. The Israel contract expired more than two years ago, the union says, and the companies are "delaying" negotiations over a new one.

Zim's general manager, Yehuda Rotem, responded to the move by claiming that the crew was involved in being paid according to the wage scales of the Israeli merchant marine labour contracts.

The officers union backed its words with action on Friday afternoon, by ordering the captain of the container ship Zim-Haifa to strike his vessel on arrival at the Italian port of Livorno.

One of the union's secretaries, Captain Yeshayahu Groman, said the union's aim was to hit hardest where it would hurt Zim most — which was on the firm's longest and most lucrative route (which is also the most expensive to run), its three-continent service.

The Zim-Haifa is one of the seven company containers vessels plying this route. Another, the Zim-Montreal, is struck in Haifa.

Asked whether the union would allow the two struck ships blocking the Haifa container terminal to move in order to release the terminal for the unloading of military imports, Groman contended that the container terminal at Ashdod Port could be used for this purpose.

But the Ashdod container terminal, which was completed over a year ago, has never been operated, because of a deadlock between the port's management and the dockers over work procedures.

The Haifa agent for the American shipping firm, Export Line, was in Ashdod on Friday to see if he could arrange the unloading of the Export Freedom, due there tomorrow. But he was told that the terminal would not be operating.

The agent, Izzy Rosenfeld, told The Jerusalem Post that he had been able to delay the arrival of the Export Freedom, which is carrying several thousand tons of containerised imports for Israel and was originally due in port on Thursday. But he feared that if her cargo could not be handled "in a day or two," the company would order the vessel to her next port of call, Naples, where she would discharge her Israel-bound cargo, leaving Israeli exports lying in Haifa.

Also on Friday, shipping companies' managements met to consider ways of reducing their losses from the strike. According to Rotem, they prepared operative plans which would go into effect after being approved by the companies' boards. He indicated that the plans included big cuts on international shipping routes, even though this would cause long-term damage and fleet reduction.

Commenting on the intention of the Manufacturers Association to sue the officers for damage caused by the delay of exports on the struck ships, union officer secretary Chiskil said the strike was legitimate, and the union had filed the required legal notice well in advance. "They are welcome to sue us. We believe they have no case."

BULLETIN

The Histadrut Central Committee warned after an emergency meeting last night that it would withdraw Histadrut recognition of the marine officers if their union did not go back to work by this evening.

Missed collision with EL Al jumbo

LONDON (JTA). — A British Airways pilot of a Trident jet claimed yesterday that he had two mid-air near misses over Spain last Thursday, one of them with an EL Al jumbo believed to be flying from Tel Aviv to Madrid.

Captain Derek Baker said in an interview in today's "Sunday Times" that while under the instructions of Barcelona air traffic control, he looked sideways and saw an EL Al Boeing 747 at the same height — 33,000 feet.

Captain Baker said that his Trident, with 82 passengers aboard, was approaching the EL Al aircraft at a combined speed of 450 mph and the missing distance was about 800 yards when he pulled his jet upwards.

The British pilot's second near miss, 10 minutes later, was with a Dan-Air Boeing 727.

Doctors reject Kupat Holim bid to call off strike today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Medical Association yesterday rejected a Kupat Holim proposal to call off today's one-day strike of all doctors in Kupat Holim clinics.

Therefore all patients in need of urgent care should apply to the emergency ward of the nearest district hospital, or visit a doctor who sees members at home.

Kupat Holim spokesman David Galetzky yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that "the sick fund will reimburse any patient who must see a doctor urgently. But patients must bring the receipt to Kupat Holim and file an application for the return of the money."

Galetzky noted that, although the doctors would not turn up tomorrow, all other employees of the clinics would be on duty. This included the nurses, X-ray technicians, physiotherapists and pharmacists.

The appeal to the doctors to cancel their strike was made on Friday by Kupat Holim's Central Committee, which is headed by Prof. Haim Doron. The appeal noted there was (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

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YES OF MISHNA, 40 WINKS — Yehiva Strasberg recently by photographer Bahamin Yisraeli.

Computers aid hospital diagnosticians

By AARON SEITNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

As seizures, diabetes and neurological malfunctions can be treated more swiftly thanks to computerization in hospitals' diagnostic facilities, a world of medical technicians in an era was told on Thursday.

Martin Rubin, president of the International Federation of Chemistry, was addressing a gathering of heads of hospital laboratories. The conference, held at the Hotel Ha'oma, included 100 medical technicians from 15 countries and was the first of its kind here from the U.S., the Continent.

Rubin, who is 24, said: "Automatic equipment in hospital laboratories is a revolution. The physician with an emergency results he needs to see heart attacks, diabetes, etc. is more, technological aid in these laboratories enable to detect possible problems from child which are due to many factors — from blood taken from the mother. And high medical problems as to whether a drug level in blood is too high, or not high these problems, too, are being with ease as the microcomputer move into hospital laboratories."

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4. CREATININE	4
5. ALBUMIN	5
6. TOTAL PROTEIN	6
7. ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE	7
8. ASPARTATE AMINOTRANSFERASE	8
9. ALANINE AMINOTRANSFERASE	9
10. LACTATE DEHYDROGENASE	10
11. BILIRUBIN	11
12. TOTAL BILIRUBIN	12
13. TOTAL BILIRUBIN	13

Cholesterol, glucose and protein contents in the blood are available within minutes on computer printout.

Some of the sophisticated machinery was on display. One blood analyzer — the \$500,000 "SMAC System" by the American firm Technicon — can make and report 20 different types of blood tests simultaneously, and do this at the rate of 150 patients per hour.

Another machine, Union Carbide's "CentrifChem System," not only accepts blood samples from 30 patients at a time, but compares or contrasts test results with normal ranges, to determine what is not functioning properly in the body.

This instantaneous analysis is made possible by utilizing the digital data programmed into the memory bank of the machine's microcomputer.

Dr. Eli Zach, director of the biochemistry laboratory at Hadassah's Einzel Yofeh Hospital, told The Post the machine, which costs approximately \$42,000, "is really an amazing piece of equipment and I certainly would like to have one in my laboratory, where most operations are done manually."

The convention, which closed on Friday, was organized by Dr. Ya'acov Zaidman, director of the Biochemical Pathology Institute at Assaf Harofeh Hospital. He said there are 58 biochemistry laboratories operating in this country today, with almost 2,000 specialists employed.

Using manual or automatic equipment, these specialists mix blood samples with chemicals called "reagents." There are dozens of different reagents; each one, when mixed with blood, produces a different shade of red or amber. By analyzing the colours, the technician can determine the condition of a patient's sugar level, hormone balance, enzyme activity or other vital functions.

"Your blood tells almost everything about your condition," Dr. Zach said. "Every organ is visited by your bloodstream, which picks up vital data as it moves along from one station to another."

El Al mechanics threaten sanctions in overtime dispute

Post Aviation Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al maintenance mechanics are threatening to disrupt the company's flight schedules unless the management agrees to renegotiate overtime payments.

The mechanics, who were the first to sign a wage agreement last year, claim that other groups of mechanics now fare better than they do, and that they are now at the bottom of the company's wage structure.

Sanctions will be introduced progressively this week, with the mechanics refusing to work overtime or after hours, beyond the two Saturdays per month stipulated by their labour contract. This could have a cumulative effect on the company's time schedule and lead to major disruptions by the end of the week.

The El Al management telegraphed the Histadrut on Friday requesting its immediate intervention.

The El Al spokesman was not available for comment yesterday.

Burglars take taps worth IL16,000

Burglars broke into 17 unoccupied flats in Jerusalem's East Talpiot quarter on Friday and got away with IL16,000 worth of taps and plumbing installations. The burglars dismantled the faucets after breaking the shutters and climbing through the windows.

Recipe in bad taste

TEL AVIV. — Avraham Ehrlich, who represents religious workers on the Histadrut Central Committee, couldn't swallow a bit of advice offered to housewives in last month's pre-Pessah edition of the Na'amat monthly magazine.

He protested to Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel last week that the magazine had published a recipe including pork as one of its ingredients.

Tamar Eshel, chairman of Na'amat, sent her apologies. She claimed the recipe was taken verbatim from a book published by Keter, advising housewives how to economize on foods. But she admitted the item should have never appeared in the official organ of her organization.

New school textbook rules published

The Ministry of Education has published new regulations for the use of textbooks in schools, for the coming academic year. The regulations are to be distributed to municipal information bureaus, so the public can see them.

More than 2,000 titles appear on the list of approved texts, of which 111 are new. Ninety-eight books have been removed from the list. New regulations include more stringent criteria for reprinting, and safeguards against wasteful use of books. Schools may no longer demand that pupils buy a particular edition of a textbook unless it is significantly different from other editions of the same work, and once-only worksheets may not be included in a textbook which should have a life of several years.

Paintings sold for Defence Fund

TEL AVIV. — Half a million pounds were raised by the Voluntary Defence Fund through the sale of paintings donated by Israeli artists. The paintings were on display at the Artists Pavilion in Tel Aviv's Rehov Ahariel last week.

The exhibition's popularity prompted the fund's director, Moshe Gilboa, to keep the show open for another three days although half the paintings have been sold already.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres visited the show yesterday. It comprises works by over 80 artists. The Ruhi "Pomegranates," the most expensive exhibit, was sold for IL90,000 to an unnamed purchaser.

Saudi prince denies king plans to abdicate

KUWAIT. — Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd yesterday denied reports published in a London Arab-owned magazine that his brother King Khaled plans to abdicate in his favour.

According to "Arabia and the Gulf," a new Arab-owned journal issued in London, Crown Prince Fahd would like the position to be clarified within the next five weeks, before his own scheduled visit to the U.S.

But Prince Fahd told the Kuwaiti newspaper "Al-Siyassa": "I categorically deny these reports. King Khaled is staying at the helm and he enjoys the full confidence of his family and the Saudi people."

King Khaled has been in London for almost two months undergoing a series of operations on his hip. Although the operations were successful and he is soon expected to go home, he remains a chronic sufferer from rheumatism and heart disease.

According to the London magazine, the difficulty is abdication is not only King Khaled's reluctance to step down, but also in the delicate question of who would become the new crown prince if Fahd ascended the throne. Fahd is said to favour one of his four close brothers, especially Prince Sultan, the defence minister. This group of brothers is known as the "Sudairi Five."

The king, however, is said to favour Prince Abdullah, commander of the elite National Guard, a 20,000-man force greatly expanded in recent years with the help of the Vinnell Corporation of the U.S. The army, commanded by Defence Minister Sultan, numbers 40,000 men.

Fahd, who is popular with the U.S.

State Department, is expected to show a tougher attitude towards Egypt and Syria should he become king. According to "Arabia and the Gulf," he resents what he sees as Egyptian President Sadat's repeated and insistent demands to the Arab oil states for financial assistance and his complaints about delays and unfulfilled promises. As regards Syria, Fahd is said to be apprehensive about that country's growing importance and the Alawite minority which controls it.

Meanwhile, King Khaled has been receiving a non-stop stream of visitors from the Arab world, including all the senior members of his family and representatives of every Arab Gulf state. In the next few days he is due to receive the prime minister of Bahrain and Vice-President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

Crown Prince Fahd, who has already broached the question of the succession with King Khaled, is making no secret of his own impatience to wield the reins of power without hindrance. His most recent step was an outspoken interview he gave last week to the Lebanese newspaper "Al-Hawadess" and its London sister magazine "Events."

The interview was quoted at length on the official Saudi Arabian radio last Wednesday and was advertised, with Crown Prince Fahd's photograph, in every leading British newspaper on Friday morning.

In it, Fahd adopted a hard line on the Middle East conflict, warning of a "return to the pre-1967 no-war, no-peace" situation because of Israeli "intransigence," and rejected American resistance to the Arab boycott, warning that Arab oil remained "in the service of the Arab cause."

U.S. envoy Young in hot water again

Arabs' protest being compared to 'Ku Klan anti-Semites'

NEW YORK (AP). — Twenty Arab UN delegations have taken issue with U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young for saying that Arab hatred of Jews reminded him of the Ku Klux Klan hatred of blacks.

The issue was raised in a letter released Friday night while the U.S. State Department was trying to pass up any diplomatic damage resulting from another remark by Young, on Thursday, when he referred to the South African government as illegitimate.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance later reprimanded Young for the remark and said through a spokesman that the comment did not reflect the official American position on South Africa.

Amin Helmy, the Arab League UN observer, who released the letter to reporters, said the group was indignant when first learning of the "Ku Klux Klan" remark, but decided to soften the letter after a meeting Young had with Ambassador Ali Humaidan of the United Arab Emirates.

Young excused himself to Humaidan, saying "he was new, he was ignorant, he was learning," Helmy said.

Post correspondent Malka Rabinowitz adds:

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Killer of Yemen's ex-prime minister was a 'hired professional assassin'

LONDON (Reuters). — The killer of former Yemeni prime minister Kadi Abdulah Ahmed al-Hagri in London was a hired professional assassin, and British police know his identity, a police source said on Friday night.

Hagri was shot down on the steps of a London hotel last Sunday together with his wife and a Yemeni diplomat. His killer, of Arab appearance in his early twenties, vanished in the London crowds.

It was not known, however, who had paid him to carry out the cold-blooded murders in broad daylight.

The source said the assassin's identity was established after a week of inquiries among Yemenis living in London and information from Yemeni security officials.

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U.S. 'hasn't decided' on arms to Egypt

WASHINGTON (JTA). — The U.S. has "not reached a conclusion yet" on arms requests made by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt during his visit here earlier this month, Defence Secretary Harold Brown said in an interview televised on Friday.

In the interview with Martin Agronsky of the Public Broadcasting Service, Brown said that Sadat had told him there were "potential security threats (to Egypt) through Africa."

Brown made the comments in response to a comment from Agronsky. The newsmen had suggested that Sadat "is playing the 'Russians are coming' game," in saying to the U.S.: "Give me arms to meet the threat, the Libyan threat backed by the Soviet Union. Don't give me arms so much to meet Israel's threat."

Asked why he did not fire Gen. George Brown, the controversial chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary Brown said that he had promised to judge the general "by his professional abilities" and would continue to do so.

U.S. replaces arms sent to Israel in '73

HEIDELBERG (AP). — American troops in Europe have been largely re-equipped after many weapons were sent to rearm Israel after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the commander of the U.S. Army in Europe said on Friday.

"We saw far better off than we were at the time the material was moved," General George Blanchard said in an interview. "It is a continuing programme, both to put in the equipment that was moved out and continuously to upgrade our material."

"Without going into figures," an aide to Blanchard said, "we can say that especially our tanks are in good shape."

NATO spokesmen have put the number of East Bloc tanks at 18,000, versus 8,000 in the West. But analysts say the Warsaw Pact's superior numbers are offset by Western technology and better tactical weapons.

Yet, Western allies still see Soviet forces catching up in the quality of equipment, Blanchard said. "We always used to have a comforting feeling that we were qualitatively way ahead," he said. "It's not nearly so true anymore."

ENERGY

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security if they were made public.

The most recent figures available from the Interior Department show world estimated crude oil reserves as of January 1, 1975, at 558.1 billion barrels. World estimated natural gas reserves are estimated at 2,146.3 trillion cubic feet.

The U.S. ranks fourth in crude oil reserves and third in natural gas reserves, with 34.2 billion barrels of oil and 237.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The Middle East ranks first in crude oil reserves with 326 billion barrels, and the Sino-Soviet bloc first in gas with 737.7 trillion cubic feet.

Carter denied reports that his energy programme will contribute 2 or 3 per cent to the inflation rate. "We hope to be able to ... hold down the impact on inflation to less than one-half of 1 per cent by emphasizing wherever possible voluntary conservation," he said.

One of Carter's proposals is expected to call for higher federal taxes on petrol for pleasure boating and flying. Another would raise the tax on fuel consumed by noncommercial aircraft from 7 cents to 11 cents a gallon. A draft of Carter's programme also includes such steps as increasing federal petrol (gasoline) taxes from the present 4 cents a gallon to as much as 54 cents a gallon over several years, and placing a tax ranging from \$12 to \$2,800 on cars with high petrol consumption.

Asset 'misled' on diamond firm — MK

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Expayers are about to lose millions from irrecoverable state assets given to the founding Industry Research and Development Corporation, Likud MK Pat warned in a letter to the Finance Committee.

He said that the recent State Minister's report on the foundation corporation showed that the firm's assets, mainly from commerce Ministry, had misled the Finance Com-

mittee for years about the state corporation's viability and prospects.

Patt said he had demanded that the state corporation be liquidated three years ago. Not only did it lose money, but it was the only firm in the world involved in diamond deals which lost money.

If the state corporation is not sold or liquidated, it must be taken out of the hands of the incompetent officials of the Commerce Ministry, Patt told The Post.

Until 1976, Patt said, the state corporation's employees were allowed to moonlight in the diamond trade.

Welfare officials promise aid to mental centre

By MARSHA POMERANTZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Welfare Ministry officials have committed themselves to raising enough money to prevent the closure of the country's centre for rehabilitating mental patients through community treatment, the Ministry spokesman said.

The promise was made during a meeting attended by Director-General Aharon Langerman and the director of the threatened Madon Shalom in Jerusalem, Dr. Mark Spivak.

The treatment centre, for patients leaving mental hospitals or for severely disturbed clients referred by welfare offices, is in danger of closing because government ministries have so far failed to assume budget responsibilities covered for the last three years by the Joint Distribution Committee.

After protests by professionals in Jerusalem, the Health Ministry promised on Wednesday to finance services for 25 patients of the 45 it has currently at the centre. The Welfare Ministry has been paying about a third of the costs for the 30 patients it has referred.

Details of the Welfare Ministry's commitment have not yet been worked out.

Te Russians lose property fight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attempt by the "White Church" to challenge the Russian Compound and property in Jerusalem by the "Russian" church was blocked by the Supreme Court.

Russian Ecclesiastical Mission headquarters in New aims to be the rightful heir of church property outside the city following the Bolshevik

revolution. The Israel Government, however, recognizes the Moscow-based Russian Orthodox Church as owners of Russian church property in the country.

The White Russians claim that the sale by the Red Russians of the Russian Compound and property on King George Street to the Government in the early 1960s was illegal because it belongs to the White Russian Church.

The Russian Compound includes the building housing the Supreme Court.

The court struck out the appeal by the White Russians against a district court decision on the grounds that the ecclesiastical mission was not a legal body since it had not proved that it was a legally founded Ottoman society. The mission contended that it was founded in 1908 but that papers proving it were lost in the Russian revolution.

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Carter wants to see Brezhnev 'even without arms agreement'

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Carter on Friday said he wanted to meet Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in Washington this year even if they failed to reach a new accord on curbing strategic arms.

He told a news conference they had agreed some time ago to confer in the autumn and he would like to carry out that plan. He also said he would like to meet Brezhnev at least once a year.

But Carter said it had to be clearly understood that he must not come under pressure to reach agreements that would not be in the best interests of the U.S.

"I am reluctant to work under the pressure of an agreement each time," he said.

The president spoke about his strong desire to meet Brezhnev during the 30-minute televised press conference. He expanded on the question of Soviet-U.S. relations at a separate 10-minute session with some reporters after the cameras were turned off.

Carter opened his press conference by announcing a mild

prescription for curing inflation. Less than 24 hours before, he had dropped a proposed \$50 tax rebate for every American on the grounds that the economy was improving and the rebate would spur inflation.

The anti-inflation programme he outlined on Friday would reject mandatory measures such as wage and price controls and would rely chiefly on cooperation among business, labour and government.

Carter said his goal was to cut the present inflation rate of about 6 per cent a year by two percentage points by the end of 1979.

He warned Americans that mandatory conservation measures in an energy programme he would announce this week would require sacrifices and would increase the inflation rate. But he said the increase would be less than one-half of 1 per cent.

Carter took a fairly optimistic view on the course of Soviet-U.S. strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) following the breakdown of negotiations between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Brezhnev in

Moscow earlier this month.

"I would like to meet with him with or without a SALT treaty," he told reporters after the formal press conference ended.

He said his exchanges with the Soviet leader had been helpful. "But I don't feel I would tell Brezhnev, 'You can come over here in September or October as our guest only if we reach agreement on SALT.'"

He added: "The meeting would be to get acquainted, to discuss a wide range of issues and the premises in our disagreements, and then we would let our subordinates work out the details."

Carter made a restrained response to an attack by the Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" Thursday on the U.S. arms proposals rejected by the Russians.

The president said the Soviet reaction had been predictable. Soviet leaders had a perfect right to explain their position to the Russian people — just as he had been defending his own position to the American people — he said.

Wealthy nations to give \$500m. credit to Italy

PARIS (AP). — The U.S. and seven other nations, including West Germany and Japan, agreed yesterday to provide Italy with the bulk of the \$500m. standby credit it seeks, provided certain conditions are met.

The rest of the money will come from the International Monetary Fund.

The agreement came less than 24 hours after the Common Market monetary committee said Italy should get a \$500m. loan to alleviate its balance-of-payments problems.

Under the agreement, Italy has to cut down on loans it makes, limit its budget deficit, and curb its cost of living from 22 per cent to 15 per cent by next March.

"If Italy cannot keep within these ceilings, the credit will be suspended, and further consultations between the Italian government and the IMF will take place," officials said.

However, they said Italian proposals for economic recovery should bring about important changes in the coming months.

Spain's papers unite to tell army to keep out of politics

MADRID. — Spain's main newspapers, including the government "Arriba," yesterday published a joint editorial which denounced discredited conservatives who try to block Spain's move toward democracy and told the army to keep out of politics.

The editorial was a reaction to the violent right-wing and army backlash earlier this week to the legalization of the Communist Party.

The editorial, headlined "Don't Frustrate a Hope," was published by six of Madrid's eight daily newspapers and most provincial papers. It said the Spanish army was intended to serve the government and had specific tasks established by law.

"These do not include the emission of conditional opinions on the political decisions of the governments of the nation... In a premeditated way they (the right-wingers) tried to provoke the army into action and to endanger the nation," the editorial said.

Meanwhile, the first free general elections in Spain for over 40 years were called for June 15.

The government announced the date on Friday night, showing it was determined to push ahead with its election plans despite the crisis that followed the legalization of the Communist Party.

Informed sources said the cabinet had discussed the armed forces' public expressed displeasure at the lifting of the ban on the Communists.

The navy minister was among several top officials who resigned in protest.

The Communists, acting in response to their legalization, on Friday announced their recognition of Spain's national colours, the red and yellow monarchist flag. Party secretary-general Santiago Carrillo said the Communists would continue to favour republican rule for Spain but added that the monarchist flag was "the flag of all Spaniards whatever their political beliefs."

(UPI, Reuters)

Church leader: M.E. Christians are persecuted

GLASGOW (Reuters). — A Scottish Protestant Church leader, the Reverend Thomas Torrance, said Friday there was no doubt that Christians in the Middle East were persecuted.

Prof. Torrance, who was reported on a month-long tour of the Middle East and Malta, is moderator and president of the Church of Scotland General Assembly. The church has more than a million members and oversees overseas missions.

He said the militancy of Islam followed by a wave of outbursts and outbreaks of Christianity. "We cannot get rid of a church that is built a mosque with a tower that is cent inside it," he said.

The moderator added that becoming very difficult for Christians to have an existence in countries such as Turkey and Egypt. "If Christian witness is to be maintained, the church must make use of property it now has in the Middle East," he said.

He described the Church of Scotland's policy of relinquishing properties in the area as "sighted and disastrous."



Convicted killer Richard Lawrence Hager kisses his bride during wedding ceremony at Kay County, Oklahoma, courthouse on Friday. Ten minutes later Hager was sentenced to death for the February 22 execution-style slaying of another man. During the ceremony, presided over by the Rev. Joyce Terry (left), Hager—who apparently expected the verdict, quipped — "Two death sentences in one day."

(AP radiophoto)

Moslem rebels boycott Filipino referendum

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines. — The Moslem rebel movement has declared southern Philippines declares boycott last night of a government referendum aimed at restoring peace to the area.

The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) declared the referendum of future autonomy for the southwestern provinces meaningless and counter to proposals reached through mediation of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Dr. Tham Majoor, a representative of the movement here, said it would not interfere in the voting today despite its boycott. But the rebel forces were to make further negotiations impossible, he said.

Troops of this mainly Christian country have been placed on alert for the referendum, a group of 50 diplomats have arrived to observe the voting.

The Moro Front has led a four-and-a-half-year rebellion for the independence of the large southern islands of Mindanao and Palawan and the adjacent Sulu Archipelago. More than 10,000 civilians have been killed and hundreds of thousands have been homeless.

(Reuters)

Owen to Angola as 'frontliners' meet

SALISBURY. — British Foreign Secretary David Owen announced last night that he is to fly to Angola today for a meeting with the leader of the Marxist government there, President Agostinho Neto.

Dr. Owen is in southern Africa in an attempt to end the deadlock over Rhodesia. He will arrive in the Angolan capital of Luanda just as the presidents of the five black African "front-line" states confront Rhodesia in a one-day meeting there on the problem.

In Salisbury last night there were signs that Ian Smith's white-minority Rhodesian government would support latest Anglo-American moves for a solution.

Owen entered crucial talks with Smith on Anglo-American plans for a constitutional conference to discuss transferring power from 270,000 whites to six million blacks.

Smith said yesterday: "If there is an opportunity to discuss settlement proposals with the British and American governments I can't believe that there is anyone in Rhodesia who will be opposed to that."

Smith spoke after a meeting of his ruling Rhodesia Front Party parliamentary caucus. Salisbury radio said he got the support of the 35 legislators to negotiate a settlement along the lines of the new Anglo-American initiative.

Rita Hayworth 'free to leave California'

SANTA ANA, California (Reuters). — A judge ruled on Friday that actress Rita Hayworth, 58, said to be gravely mentally ill and a chronic alcoholic, could leave California and said the move was in "her best interest."

The purpose of the hearing was to decide whether her estate should be placed permanently in the hands of a court-appointed public guardian.

Several days after the one-time movie queen held a party at the home of an actor friend last month to deny rumours that she was sick, a petition was filed in court here to have the public guardian take over her financial affairs.

Top Argentine editor suspected of terror ties

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — The army has announced it is holding one of Argentina's top newspapermen in connection with allegations linking a local financial group with multi-million-dollar funds of nationalist Montonero terrorists.

An army communiqué said 55-year-old Jacobo Timmerman, founder and publisher of the daily "La Opinion," was being held at the disposition of the army. He was taken from his home Friday night by some 20 men in civilian clothes.

There was no news of the fate of his news editor, Enrique Jara, who, according to the paper, was taken by the same group of men.

According to current Argentine press reports, the Montoneros, to whom Timmerman is allegedly connected, cooperated with the late Argentine financier David Graiver who died last year in an air crash. The press reports said Graiver invested \$17m. of Montonero funds, won by bank robberies and ransom money, at an interest that yielded \$130,000 every month for the terrorists.

The only public connection between "La Opinion" and the Graiver group is that the newspaper had at least one current account with the main Graiver bank, Banco Comercial de la Plata.

Companion danger to Groucho's life, son maintains

SANTA MONICA, California (AP). — Attorneys for Groucho Marx's son told a court on Friday that the comedian's companion, Erin Fleming, is a threat to his life and should be removed as his temporary conservator.

At the very least, attorneys for Arthur Marx contended in a Superior Court hearing, a doctor should examine the comedian to make sure he is being properly treated.

The court heard a private detective testify that he found syringes stabbed in a storm drain at Marx's home and also saw Miss Fleming about obscenities at the 58-year-old comedian and scream at him to sign a cheque.

Miss Fleming, about 40, has been appointed temporary conservator for Marx and has been his business manager for seven years. She is seeking to become permanent conservator.

An attorney for Marx's son said he planned to have a doctor testify that the syringes found at Marx's home contained unexplained barbiturates. He said the syringes were evidence that Marx's life was in danger as long as Miss Fleming remained conservator.

STRIKE. — Six million Japanese commuters were forced to find alternative routes to work yesterday as workers at major private bus and railway companies went on strike for more pay.

Zaire troops battered as fighting is renewed in the South

KINSHASA (AP). — Heavy fighting erupted yesterday near the village of Kanzenze as Moroccan troops advanced to help Zaire government forces battle rebel units in copper-rich Shaba province.

Reporters returning from the region said at least 40 Zaire troops were wounded in the fighting, which broke a two-week lull following initial rebel advances deep into Shaba, the southeastern region of Zaire that was formerly known as Katanga.

Meanwhile, about 400 Moroccan relief troops reportedly began moving toward Kanzenze, a village of 2,000 people that lies on the main road and rail line through the province. The village is 40 km. northwest of the copper mining centre of Kolwezi, where Zaire troops and 1,500 Moroccan allies are based.

There was no indication that the relief column had reached the battlefield, which is a few kilometres west of Kanzenze. Two Moroccans were reported killed and another injured in what was called a jeep accident.

During the lull preceding the fighting, the Katangan rebels had advanced to Kanzenze from the

Mutshatsha area to the west, the reporters said. Civilian sources in the province said the rebels had set up a rudimentary administration in areas under their control and were issuing identification cards, corn and rice to the population.

In the meantime, the government after its initial rout beefed up its forces in Kolwezi. It also sent small Maachi Italian-made jet trainers and Mirage jet fighters to bomb the road and rail line leading east from the Angolan-border town of Dilolo to Mutshatsha, the reporters said.

In Paris the Congo National Liberation Front, an exile group, issued a communiqué on Friday which said two French soldiers were killed in fighting near Kolwezi.

France, which is airlifting military supplies to Zaire, denied the report and insisted no French troops are involved. Officials say there are about 60 military instructors in Zaire but emphasize they are not involved in combat.

The Soviet news agency Tass on Friday quoted the Angolan paper "Journal de Angola" as saying 250 French paratroopers had recently arrived in Zaire. The paper also said

the aircraft carrier Clemenceau and another French warship were patrolling off the coast of Angola.

French Defence Ministry officials yesterday said the Clemenceau and three other French navy vessels were in Djibouti, 3,000 km. across the African continent. They declined, however, to give the whereabouts of other French vessels.

The conflict began March 8 when an estimated 2,000 Lunda tribesmen launched an invasion from bases in Angola and seized about one-third of the province. The invaders are believed to be led by former Katanga gendarmes, who lost a bid in the early 1960s to make Shaba independent.

Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko has claimed the Soviets, the Marxist regime in Angola, and Cuban troops stationed in Angola have aided the invasion.

Rape charged to Moroccans in Zaire

RABAT. — Morocco yesterday angrily denied charges that three of its soldiers in Zaire had tried to rape an African woman and in the attempt bayoneted her six-year-old daughter and two-year-old son to death.

The charges, reported by Western newspapers and news agencies, were levelled by Zaire authorities in Kolwezi, who said the soldiers were drunk. A Moroccan military judge was flown to Kolwezi to investigate the charges, the Kolwezi authorities added.

Yesterday, Morocco's information ministry said: "Certain newspapers hostile to Morocco have resorted to slander with the obvious objective of discrediting the dignity and honour of the Moroccan soldier, whose discipline, morality and comportment are admired by all who have known him around the world."

The ministry said that "After an inquiry by local and Moroccan authorities, we categorically deny the tendentious allegations."

According to a "Washington Post" correspondent in Zaire, the incident allegedly occurred on Tuesday, when the soldiers broke Kolwezi's 7 p.m. curfew, went into a local bar, and got drunk. On their way back to the Technical Institute of Mutshatsha, where most of the Moroccans are stationed, the three stopped at an African home and demanded sexual relations with a Zaire woman.

When the unnamed woman refused, two of her children, aged two and six, were stabbed to death and she and the baby she was holding were badly beaten. (AP, WPNS)

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RECENTLY generated Middle East diplomatic flurry evidently based in the past few days, as all involved await the outcome of the May 17 national elections. More precise, they are waiting for how successful Defence Minister Shimon Peres will be in his bid to form Israel's next government after the decline of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

slowdown in diplomatic activity quite evident despite the fact President Jimmy Carter, has been building up the diplomatic momentum, is ahead with plans to complete a round of consultations with the region. Obviously, talks are unlikely to develop before Carter meets Israel's prime minister.

the Americans and the Arabs that the next premier will be. Carter last week described a Labour Party leader as a "very individual." The Arab, however, has so far declined to classify Peres, who seems to have earned a reputation of being a "hawk" in the street.

IT TOOK the initiative last in reminding a press audience in Georgia, that "there is a realization among the Israelis that 1977 is an important year. He added that he believed Israelis will push forward with peace to have a permanent and lasting peace with the Arabs, and that the Arab question be resolved."

His expectations over an "push forward" were clearly shared in the U.S. Senate.

THE QUESTIONS currently facing the Palestinians, according to the Egyptian "Akher Sa'a" is how to convince the Arab League, the terrorist groups out that if the Arabs are to be convinced to attract Jews back to them, it would be helpful to the Palestinian cause.

According to the magazine Arafat at Jews from Arab countries discriminated against in and could "thus be easily attracted to their countries if only the conditions were adequate."

PALESTINIANS, Syria's in "daily reports, will soon filming a pro-Palestinian and film showing "the constant struggle they have been fighting against the Zionist occupation." The film will be based on the words of the paper "that save Jew" — Felicia Langer Aviv.

Edward Cody: 4,000 Lebanese criminals in the run

A hint of erosion of 242

THE WEEK IN REVIEW
Anan Safadi

There was reported to be growing concern over energy problems, which some senators feel would be difficult to cure without an early settlement in the oil-rich Middle East.

Israel's desire to move forward could hardly be a subject to debate. The stagnation might be said to stem from what appears to be a subconscious American — and a deliberate Arab — diversion from UN Security Council Resolution 242, which has so far governed Middle East negotiations, especially in Geneva. This has been accomplished by suddenly bringing to the forefront the question of the "Palestinian national case," which 242 does not tackle. The highlighting of that issue has led to discussion of the problem of Palestinian representation and participation at forthcoming Israel-Arab negotiations.

In more than one past pronouncement, Carter had indicated that he agreed with Israel that the Palestinian issue should be settled within the context of a settlement with Jordan.

Yet in his Marietta press conference, Carter said that he thinks "that in some fashion the Palestinian people must be represented... There will have to be a spokesman for their viewpoint" at future conference table, he added. "Whether that would be done by surrogate, or by them directly is something that hasn't evolved," he noted.

This evolution, it would seem, might involve a review of Resolution 242 — probably triggering a collision, rather than an understanding, with Israel's next prime minister.

IN CONTRAST to the assessment by some officials in Jerusalem, the Arab governments involved in the Middle East conflict are signalling satisfaction with what they see as a new spirit building up in Washington.

Egypt went further, implying that it had entered into a sort of unsigned treaty, under which the U.S. would move closer to the Arabs, while the Arabs fight America's war against the growing Soviet influence in Africa.

Sadat's dramatization of his confrontation with Kremlin-supported Libya and Soviet-oriented Ethiopia was just highlighted by the Egyptian blessing on the dispatch of Moroccan troops to Zaïre, to help combat a Soviet-Cuban inspired invasion from Angola.

Not all the Arabs, of course, agreed with Sadat or went that far. They maintain that they should not abandon their own basic confrontation with Israel. "Is Zaïre anywhere near Jerusalem?" questioned an Arab in a cartoon in Jordan's "al-Dustour" daily, representing Arab opposition to their involvement in what might be viewed as a "Vietnamization" of Africa.

Saudis await 'returns' from West by July

By Guy Arnold

SAUDI ARABIA'S refusal to increase its oil price by more than 5 per cent represents a major power play by that country and may have isolated it temporarily in the region. Clearly, however, its move was calculated and it is playing for big stakes.

Superficially the reason for the Saudi decision was its belief that the economic interests of the oil producers and the Western consumers are inter-dependent and that a larger increase would have slowed down the recovery of the industrial nations upon which ultimately the oil producers depend.

But there is far more to the Saudi move than that. In the first place, quite evidently, it is making a determined lay for the power leadership of the Middle East. In this respect, it has enormous advantages over all its rivals because of its vast oil reserves. Then there exists the growing relationship with the United States that is mutually beneficial to both parties.

Saudi Arabia is determinedly anti-Communist and again its policy is designed to thwart moves to the left. Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, said that fears of a Communist takeover in Italy or France were factors considered in this country's decision to keep the oil price down.

It is symptomatic of Saudi Arabia's growing sense of power and importance that Sheikh Yamani commented freely upon the state of the political health of Britain, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, none of whom he felt were in par-

ticularly good shape. Making such comparisons can have a nasty way of backfiring as the more restrained approach of the Shah of Iran recently suggests.

More important than any other of its western relationships, however, is that between Saudi Arabia and the U.S. Saudi Arabia is now the largest source of imported petroleum for the U.S. having passed both Canada and Venezuela. The latest figures show that it accounts for approximately 20 per cent of U.S. imports. In addition, Saudi Arabia has now become a major source of capital for the U.S. Treasury, its banks and corporations.

On the other side the U.S. is becoming increasingly involved in Saudi Arabia. Apart from the four oil giants who make up Aramco, American government agencies and private companies are involved in a whole range of developments in the country — running hospitals, the airline, designing and building roads, constructing industrial areas and military bases and doing great deal to equip and train its armed forces. As a result there is a growing inter-dependency between the two countries that has become a major factor in the policies of the area.

For Saudi Arabia the great danger is that it may come to rely on a connection (as has Sadat of Egypt) that in the end could leave it high and dry. It would be foolish for the West,

and especially the U.S., to imagine that Saudi Arabia has taken its particular line out of a sense of concern for the West and that nothing need be done in return.

By splitting OPEC, Saudi Arabia took a calculated risk; it will want returns within six months ready for the next OPEC meeting scheduled for July. The returns it wants are both — effectively — at the disposal of the U.S.

First it wants the U.S. to use its power to force Israel to a Mideast settlement — on Arab terms. And second, it wants the U.S. and other Western powers to make genuine concessions to the Third World in the North-South dialogue in Paris.

If Saudi Arabia gets neither of these things by the July OPEC meeting, it may then adopt a militant attitude towards the West and lead an OPEC embargo or other actions that could once again send the Western economies into a spin.

A month before President Carter's inauguration he got word to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates that he would appreciate their holding down OPEC's intended oil price rise to a minimum. This they did and Carter subsequently described their action as "responsible" although denying that he had offered Saudi Arabia any *quid pro quo*.

He said: "I don't believe an oil price decision should be a factor in

the ultimate decisions concerning the Middle East." Carter must have had his tongue in his cheek for clearly the price of oil will play a crucial part in any decision.

Despite such denials diplomats in Washington are convinced that some kind of deal has been agreed. Saudi Arabia is now clearly intimating: "You owe us a return."

On the other major issue, the North-South dialogue, Saudi Arabia is also looking for some progress and expects the West to make concessions to the demands of the Third World. Saudi Arabia has taken great risks by standing apart from the majority of OPEC. It is looking for breakthroughs on these two issues.

As Sheikh Yamani said a few days after the OPEC meeting, his country will use its oil as a political weapon "at any time and in any circumstances" that serve Arab interests. That remains to be seen. Yet, although Saudi Arabia is currently under attack from Arab radicals, the fact is that its first concern is for Arab unity and Arab aims.

Meanwhile Saudi Arabia has stirred up plenty of enmity in the OPEC ranks, especially from the Shah and the radicals in Iraq and Libya. If it does not obtain concessions from the West it will find itself dangerously isolated within both OPEC and the region. As a whole while Sheikh Yamani may well discover that his career has been brought to an end, it — as could well be the case if the Saudi policy backfires — he is cast in this role of scapegoat. (Gemin)

BETWEEN THE LINES / Hirsh Goodman

Let their people come

IN A SOMEWHAT premature article the Lebanese daily "An-Nahar" last week summed up the economic implications of the two-year civil war in the country.

The overall GNP in Lebanon dropped by 67 per cent last year, while there has been a 50 per cent fall in agricultural production, the paper wrote. Commerce is down over 70 per cent, and 23 per cent of all work days were lost to the economy.

But these are only surface statistics, the paper argued. How can one calculate the damage caused by the loss of Lebanon's credibility as a stable haven from which Europeans conducted their commercial contacts with the Arab world? How can one calculate what the war cost the banks in lost deposits or the loss in tourism revenue, the paper asked.

It concluded that the repercussions of the war, which took over 50,000 lives, will be felt — both economically and demographically — for the next 20 years. Thousands of qualified artisans and tradesmen have fled the country, and millions of dollars are going to be needed to rebuild "even the beginnings of an industrial infrastructure on which to base the future."

A NEW publication has come on the scene in Lebanon. It is called "Lebanon 77" — a monthly being brought out by the Authority for the Development of Tourism in Lebanon. The publication, which comes out in Arabic, is intended mainly as a background material for daily newspapers, in the hope that by instigating positive articles on the situation in the war-torn country,

crime really exists because there is no judicial system to keep track of it. Syrian occupation troops serve as the only real law enforcers. "If someone were to come try to rob my house, I would not be able to go to any Lebanese authority for help," said a Lebanese man who lives in the high-rent Hamra district.

Police sources said the former 7,000-man internal security forces now number about 3,000, split into nearly autonomous units of 3,000 in Christian-held territory and 2,000 in the Moslem sector.

Colonel Ahmed al-Haj, a Moslem army officer, recently was shifted from the command of Arab League peacekeepers to the command of internal security in an effort to rebuild the sagging force and get it back into the streets.

The judicial system, which evaporated during the war, still is limited to a few judges presiding over makeshift tribunals, the sources said. Most of the defendants are brought in by Syrian peace troops. Appeals are out of the question. All five of Lebanon's statutory appeals court judges have retired

asked. AND SOME bad news for all those who were trying to help solve the energy crisis in Syria. From April 1, all bicycles were banned from all the country's major cities. The ban is effective both day and night. A report, carried in the daily "al-Thawra", says that the prohibition does not include "bicycles in government service, and those in use with the armed forces." Those considering breaking the ban were warned that not only would their bikes be impounded, but that they would face stiff fines and possible imprisonment.

AND A SHORT lesson on how to bring down a plane by using only one "fairly large stone": The official Syrian news agency carried a report last week saying that a farmer from the village of el-Kameshli in north-east Syria, caused a light crop-duster to crash after "he buried a fairly large rock through the cockpit." The agency said that the plane was a total write-off, but failed to mention the fate of either the farmer or the pilot.

and no one has been named to replace them. About 100 prisoners are held in the Helou army barracks in Beirut, security officers said. Only two are known to be escapees arrested again for pre-war crimes. These are convicted murderers Ahmed al-Adour and Ahmed al-Sidani, both captured in Syria and brought back.

In all, about 70 prisoners condemned to death took advantage of the war to flee their sentence. Sixteen Americans held on drug charges also escaped. Most were ushered out of the country by the U.S. embassy which took advantage of the authority vacuum.

Wartime estimates said the total number of escapees was slightly over 3,000. But later counts put them at more than 4,000 — some escaped from prisons taken over by Palestinians and leftist militias, and others fled prisons taken over by Christian militias.

And still others, like a group of prostitutes at the women's prison in Beirut, simply walked out of the jails when the guards took off.

BEHIND THE NEWS / Sasson Jacoby

Arms flood to Mideast brings war threat nearer

WHEN PRESIDENT Sadat first announced that he wanted 250 American warplanes and other "defensive" weaponry — even before he had gone to Washington to meet President Carter — the Egyptian leader knew that he was talking at a propitious moment.

First of all, it came when the Soviet band was stirring the African pot with the invasion from Angola of Katangan rebels into Zaïre. Needless to say, the appropriate noise Sadat made over Soviet designs in the continent fell upon receptive ears in Washington.

The sudden Egyptian "Africanization" was brought into focus last week when Cairo decided that Egyptian military aid should be provided for the embattled Zaïre President Mobutu. The Egyptians had immediately extended their blessing to the dispatch of Moroccan troops to that country.

To his American hosts, Sadat could also point to the "danger" posed by his neighbour, Libyan President Mu'ammer Gaddafi who is continuing to receive hefty amounts of Soviet military hardware. And only last week, there were reports that

Egyptian troops were reinforcing the Libyan border against the alleged Libyan threat.

AS IF TO BACK up this viewpoint, there came — also last week — a news report quoting the "Military Review" journal that Libya is receiving 200 Soviet tanks of the latest design, the T-72.

In this context, it would do well to note the paradox that the Libyan nation of less than 2.5 million should be crammed with Soviet arms at such a rate. Libya with its present manpower cannot support an army of more than its present 25,000. The army is now said to have about 2,500 Soviet tanks, some 100 French Mirage jets, a couple of squadrons of Soviet MiGs, as well as an arsenal including Soviet Scud ground-to-ground missiles, artillery, small warships and even one Soviet submarine, the first of six ordered.

Whether Gaddafi is opposed to Communism or not is irrelevant — Abdul-Nasser disliked Communism but was carried out in front on a wave of Soviet arms.

It is obvious that mad though he may be in some respects, Gaddafi is

not foolish enough to launch an attack on his neighbour, Sadat. Unless the Soviets place one Russian to command each tank, it is difficult to see how a Libyan army could threaten the Egyptian border in any way.

THE LIBYAN arms situation presents puzzling questions.

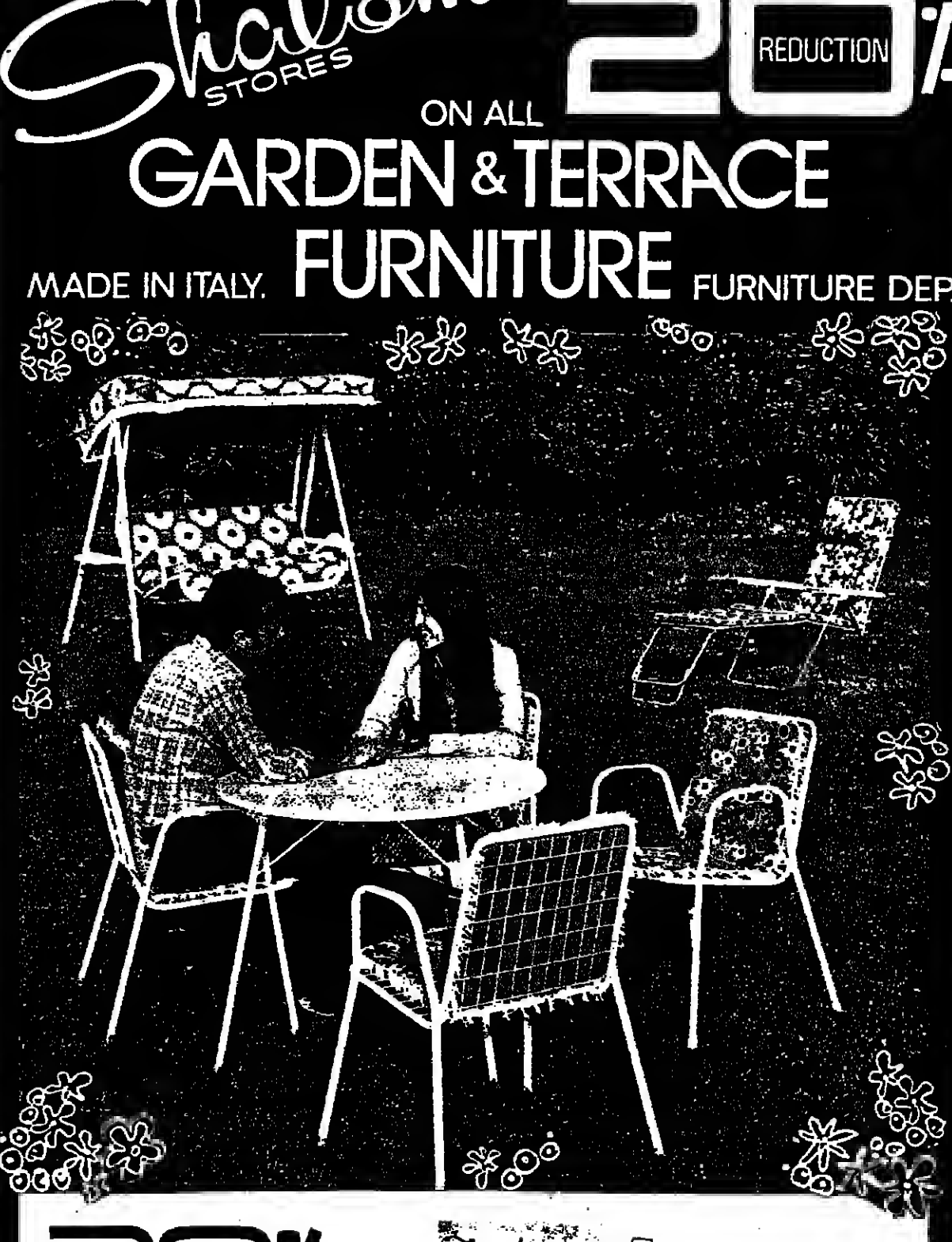
For us Israelis, it is much easier to find answers to these questions than it is to the officials in Washington. We simply say that in time of necessity, much of the Soviet arms stockpiled in Libya could be transferred to the Egyptian army — just as we say that the American arms going to Saudi Arabia could, without much effort, be moved to Jordan, Egypt or Syria when the Arabs are ready for another round of war with Israel.

Only recently, military correspondent Drew Middleton of "The New York Times" quoted Israel intelligence sources as saying Soviet weapons, ammunition and spare parts are going to Egypt through third countries such as Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and North Korea. He also quoted Nato experts as saying that Egypt has maintained a formidable air force despite the "supposed cutoff of Soviet supplies" after the 1973 war.

Link all this (especially Sadat's sudden appetite for American arms) to recent assessments on the possible outbreak of a new war in the Middle East, and you have all the ingredients for an unpleasant situation.

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etanya 3rd., No change at the top

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

AVIV. — The two championship aspirants, Tel Aviv Maccabi and Jaffa Maccabi, were involved in goalless draws yesterday, with no change at the top of the National League. Tel Aviv Maccabi maintained their 4-point lead over Jaffa Maccabi with six games to go until the end of the season.

Jaffa Maccabi held Tel Aviv Maccabi to a 0-0 draw. Jaffa Maccabi also parted at 0-0. Jaffa Maccabi beat Kfar Sava 1-0 to move up a rung into place ahead of Jerusalem who were held to a 1-1 draw. Jaffa Maccabi in Netanya surprised win of the day was by Acre Hapoel, 2-0 over Gan Hakoah in Givatayim. Aviv Hapoel scored their first five months when beating Maccabi 2-0 at Bloomfield. At the same ground Tel Aviv Maccabi maintained their fine beating Yehud Hapoel with a 3-0 win. Maccabi saved a point with a 1-0 win against Shimon.

Trick by David Lavie and a goal by Oded Machness put Kfar Sava Hapoel five points in this game came in the second half, which was fast moving. Yoram Tel Aviv after five minutes of the second half. Five minutes later, Lavie again put a Maccabi ahead, and goals ahead and Lavie gave them a 1-0 lead. Israel Vogel pulled one back for Shimon. The Negev side had edge, but missed chances by Avital and Fulbright. Jaffa team to snatch a point. A great day for 18-year-old Avner "Judi" Ben-Hamo. He played for Acre Hapoel in the 80th minute coach Yoram signalled the young player to take the field. With his kick of the ball he fired it into goal net, to give Acre Hapoel a 1-0 lead. Ten minutes later Shimon scored the 2-0 result for them. Charlie Assis, a stopper, played an outstanding game.

Jerusalem derby was played between Tel Aviv Hapoel and Jaffa Hapoel. The game was a 0-0 draw. Neuman gave Betar the lead in minutes, after firing onto a Victor Levy. An own goal by Yitzhak Jano in the 53rd minute saved Hapoel a crucial point. Jaffa team to snatch a point. A great day for 18-year-old Avner "Judi" Ben-Hamo. He played for Acre Hapoel in the 80th minute coach Yoram signalled the young player to take the field. With his kick of the ball he fired it into goal net, to give Acre Hapoel a 1-0 lead. Ten minutes later Shimon scored the 2-0 result for them. Charlie Assis, a stopper, played an outstanding game.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION

RESULTS	W	D	L	GOALS	PTS
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	13	8	2	40-21	38
2. Jaffa Maccabi	12	7	6	32-14	31
3. Netanya Maccabi	10	6	8	33-36	28
4. Jerusalem Hapoel	9	9	6	23-15	27
5. Tel Aviv Betar	9	7	8	28-22	25
6. Shimon	8	9	7	27-26	25
7. Yehud Hapoel	8	13	5	18-15	25
8. Tel Aviv Hapoel	6	12	6	28-23	24
9. Hakoah	6	12	6	20-20	24
10. Kfar Sava Hapoel	7	9	8	20-20	23
11. Acre Hapoel	6	11	7	25-32	23
12. Jerusalem Hapoel	5	10	8	19-23	20
13. Kfar Sava Hapoel	4	12	8	28-33	20
14. Hakoah	6	8	10	21-31	20
15. Beersheba Hapoel	6	7	11	21-29	18
16. Petah Tikva Maccabi	4	7	13	17-34	15

SECOND DIVISION (LIGA AETZIT)

RESULTS	W	D	L	GOALS	PTS
1. Hadera Hapoel	12	8	2	39-23	30
2. Ramat Gan Hapoel	10	8	2	29-12	28
3. Bnei Yehuda	10	8	2	32-15	28
4. Sha'arayim Maccabi	10	6	4	23-17	26
5. Petah Tikva Hapoel	7	7	8	29-20	21
6. Holon Hapoel	7	7	8	29-28	21
7. Netanya Hapoel	8	3	9	19-21	19
8. Rishon Le'Zion	4	11	5	19-21	19
9. Ashdod Hapoel	3	8	8	14-22	15
10. Ramat Amichai	4	7	9	16-27	15
11. Netanya Betar	4	6	10	11-22	14
12. Hadera Maccabi	1	2	17	14-25	4

ENGLISH SOCCER

L'pool back at the top

LONDON (AP). — Liverpool scrambled back to the top of the English league yesterday with a 3-0 win over Arsenal, ousting Ipswich, its arch-rival for the soccer championship.

Phil Neal and ace striker Kevin Keegan gave Liverpool its goals. Injury-plagued Ipswich, briefly top of the league after last weekend's Easter matches, lost 1-2 to Leeds in a dismal display. Liverpool have 50 points and six games to play. Despite a string of injuries to star players, they looked strong favorites for the championship.

Ipswich, with only five games left to play, slipped to second place with 48 points. Manchester City, the other major contender, are in third place with 48 points after drawing 1-1 with Leicester.

You've got to inject a new subject

BALTIMORE, Maryland. — Dr. Renee Richards, the transsexual tennis player, and Bobby Riggs will be on opposite teams in a mixed doubles match in Baltimore next month.

"You've got to inject a new subject into sports... entertainment," promoter Mort Schwartz told the press on Friday. "This will be a little different from the average tennis match."

The 42-year-old Dr. Richards will team with veteran Gardner Mulloy in the May 10 match. Riggs' partner has not been confirmed, but Schwartz said she would be one of the top six women players in the U.S. Schwartz said he decided on the mixed doubles format rather than a Riggs-Richards confrontation because, "after Riggs played Billie Jean King, all such matches were sort of anti-climactic."

Dr. Richards and Miss King had hard workouts on Friday in beating youthful opponents to advance into the semi-finals of a \$20,000 women's tennis tournament, at Port Washington, New York.

King, 33, dug into her years of experience to stave off Mary Carillo 6-2, 6-4. Dr. Richards, 42, also had to struggle to beat Pat Bostrom 6-4, 6-3.

ISRAEL BEAT Madagascar 43-18 (27-8) on Thursday night in the world junior handball championships, taking place in various Danish towns.

A WATERLOGGED field at Kibbutz Yitz'el forced the postponement until next Saturday of yesterday's scheduled Dudi Sihowitz seven-a-side memorial rugby tournament.

Entering the world of badminton

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Tel Aviv. — Israel will make its bow on the international badminton scene next month, when a two-man team takes part in the game's first world championships at Malmö, Sweden from May 3 to 8.

Representing Israel at the 28-nation meet will be local champion Victor Yussim, 23, who played badminton for Latvia before settling here some three years ago, and Calcutta-born David Zacharias, 33. Yussim, a member of the local Badminton Association's Pardes Hanna club, will play in the singles.

Zacharias, of Rishon Le'Zion, joins him in the doubles.

Until now the major world meet on the badminton calendar has been the annual all-England championships at Wembley, which have had a status similar to that of Wimbledon in tennis. The new world championships are to be a biennial affair.

The Badminton Association recently completed its first National League season, with the participation of eight men's teams. A women's competition is to be added next season.

The 10th Maccabiah in July will see the introduction of badminton for the first time.

Golf

Fine round by Shaked

JERUSALEM. — A brilliant round of golf by Barry Shaked, of Herzliya Pithul, in which he returned a two under par 70 gross score, enabled him to win the individual Stableford competition here yesterday with 40 points. Shaked, EMU student of Savoyon by one point.

Yusimnas Kishimoto, of the U.N., won the "B" division in this event with 39 points. Three points more than Solly Penn, of Netanya. Solly Frieman of Haifa won the "C" division with 40 points.

The Betterhalf Stableford pairs event was won by Mike Ossip of Herzliya Pithul and Basil Herman of Haifa with 43 points, one point ahead of Shlomo Chelouche and Alec Rathsou, both of Tel Aviv.

Blind walkers win awards

TIBERIAS (Him). — Two blind Israel Defence Forces veterans — Yekutieli Gershoni and Rafi Pelah — were awarded cups for completing the 100-km. walk around Lake Kinneret and part of the Jordan Valley yesterday. Thirteen walkers participated and completed the march being held for the eighth year.

The march was organized by the Popular Sport Branch of Maccabi, headed by Petah Tikva attorney Yitzhak Baraz.

Baraz, together with Shimon Nazari and Yosef Bein, who have participated in all eight of the marches, also got special awards.

Tennis

U.S. two up against S. Africa

NEWPORT BEACH, California (Reuters). — The U.S. won the first two of its Davis Cup matches against South Africa on Friday, putting it within one match of winning the north section final in the American Zone.

In morning play which took place against a background of chanting demonstrators shouting "South Africa go home" from the roadway 150 metres away, American Roscoe Tanner beat Byron Bertram 6-4, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

In the afternoon game, Brian Gottfried beat the South African captain Ray Moore 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.



TWO MORE towards the cup. Tel Aviv Maccabi's Shuki Schwartz scores for Tel Aviv Maccabi in their semi-final victory for the state basketball cup on Thursday night. He is screened by Mickey Berkowitz, 9, and an exultant Jim Boatwright. Ramat Gan Hapoel's Steve Schlacter is far left and Numi Moses, right. (Susskind)

All-Tel Aviv final for basketball cup

By STEVE KAPLAN, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The 1976/77 basketball season will officially come to an end next Wednesday when league champions Tel Aviv Maccabi meet Tel Aviv Hapoel in the final game of the State Cup.

Both semi-final games took place last week with Tel Aviv Hapoel gaining a 77-72 win in Na'aman on Monday night against former cup holders Gvat-Yagur Hapoel. On Thursday night, Tel Aviv Maccabi had to assert themselves in the second half before coming away with a hard-earned 82-88 triumph.

Tel Aviv Hapoel built up a 13-point lead in the first half of the game against the kibbutz side up north and seemed in control of the game. In the second half they did a complete turnaround, scoring only 6 points in 12 minutes as Gvat-Yagur turned on the pressure and eventually pulled ahead by 1 point. The Tel Aviv club then regrouped getting help when three of Gvat's starting five fouled out.

As has been usual lately, Tel Aviv's big men, Pinhas Hoses and Mark Torenshine were the standouts for the winners.

Taking time out from their continuous round of receptions and cocktail parties, the newly crowned European champions, Tel Aviv Maccabi, came to Yad Elihu to face a determined Ramat Gan Hapoel team which finished second to the champs in the league.

More than 7,000 people showed up for the contest, and none of them went home disappointed. Taking advantage of officiating which encouraged physical contact, both teams played wide-open, aggressive basketball, with some serious slugging going on under the baskets.

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Although the regular league and State Cup season ends next Monday, there is still some interesting basketball ahead for local fans, who seem to be growing in number every day. The national team, made up of the league's best Israeli players, began

U.S. BASEBALL Phils spoil Expos' new stadium debut

NEW YORK (AP). — Jay Johnstone's two-run double capped a three-run outburst in the second inning and Greg Luzinski belted a two-run homer in the seventh, helping the Philadelphia Phillies beat Montreal 7-2 and spoil the Expos' debut at the Olympic stadium before 57,592 fans on Friday.

The crowd was the biggest in Canadian baseball history. Last Thursday the Toronto Blue Jays set a short-lived Canadian record for the largest major league baseball crowd when they drew 44,649 to their American League opener against the Chicago White Sox.

The Chicago Cubs beat the New York Mets 8-4 as Manny Trillo drilled a pair of doubles to key a seven-run rally in the eighth. New York left-hander Jon Matlack was working on a six-inning when the Cubs broke open the game in the seventh.

Reggie Smith slammed two-run homers his first two times at bat, sending the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 7-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants. Smith raised his batting average to .400.

Baseball results and standings after Friday's games:

NATIONAL LEAGUE East	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	5	2	.754	—
Chicago	4	2	.667	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500	2 1/2
New York	3	4	.429	3
Montreal	2	3	.400	2
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	3

West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	5	2	.714	—
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	1 1/2
Atlanta	4	4	.500	2
San Francisco	3	4	.429	2
Cincinnati	3	5	.375	2 1/2
San Diego	3	5	.375	2 1/2

Friday's Games

Chicago 8, New York 4; Philadelphia 7, Montreal 2; Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 4; Atlanta 4, Houston 3; Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 0; Cincinnati 8, San Diego 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	3	1	.750	—
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	1 1/2
Toronto	3	3	.500	2 1/2
New York	2	4	.333	3
Detroit	2	6	.250	3 1/2
Baltimore	1	4	.200	2 1/2
Boston	0	4	.000	3

West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	7	1	.875	—
Texas	4	1	.800	1 1/2
Chicago	4	2	.667	2
Kansas City	4	2	.667	2
California	4	6	.400	4
Seattle	3	6	.333	4 1/2
Minnesota	3	5	.375	4

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Lifting the parties' veils

BEGINNING WITH May 18, a day after the elections which are exactly a month away, the Alignment, the Likud, the Democratic Movement for Change, and perhaps the NRP — all four or in different partial combinations — will begin marathon negotiations for the formation of Israel's next government coalition. To judge by past performance this process may well take up to two months, although there is no good reason why the time should not be cut down.

Meanwhile, decisions in foreign and domestic affairs are being postponed and even the question of central leadership and authority in the transition government has become an anomaly.

At the same time the election campaign to date, as conducted by the party campaign staffs through newspaper advertisements, has been marked by unequalled inanity, all froth and no substance. A sober assessment of what we can expect for the remainder of the campaign does not give rise to more sanguine hopes, certainly not from the television propaganda which will assail our eyes and ears in the next few weeks.

The major parties have been offering elegiacs instead of clear stands on issues, largely because they fear to be forthright. In the field of foreign policy such clarity on the real issues could well lead to splits within our "supermarket" parties, a fate which party leaders are understandably reluctant to court. An even greater deterrent is the fear of tipping Israel's hand on the eve of crucial international negotiations fraught with perils and unpalatable alternatives.

In the domestic field the real issues are either numbing in their complexity or entail policies which are ensured to lose votes were they to be articulated before rather than after the elections.

But certainly the Israel electorate has a right to demand of its parties that at least the names of the principal leaders they are offering be made known. The minimum that should be demanded is that the parties' candidates for Prime Minister and Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs, and Finance be named, now.

The clearest situation in this regard exists in the Alignment, where the trio Peres, Alon and Eban is slated for the first three posts. The weak link is the Treasury. There has been talk all along that the Bank of Finance Minister has been promised to the Chairman of Bank Hapoalim, Ya'acov Levinson. Mr. Levinson has not been included on the Alignment's Knesset list. But the public has a right to know if this is actually the intention of the new acting Prime Minister and head of the Alignment list, Mr. Peres. Prolonged delay on this issue could lead the electorate to judge the Alignment's future domestic programme on the basis of Mr. Rabinowitz' record, which cannot be considered an electoral asset.

In the Likud nothing is clear beyond the fact that Mr. Begin is its candidate for Premier, health permitting. Mr. Weizman seems to be its candidate for the Defence Ministry but nothing has been officially stated in that regard. Attempts to propose a shadow cabinet for the other leading positions have been scotched by the fear of igniting internecine warfare besides which the skirmishing which accompanied the naming of the Knesset list would pale in comparison.

The DMC has begun to run full page ads touting Prof. Yadin for Prime Minister but there has been complete silence as to its other candidates for top positions.

The electorate has the right to expect straight answers from the DMC in regard to the men it is proposing for the next Cabinet because this new reform party has so clearly espoused the cause of democratization of the political system. The DMC's experiment with internal democratic elections was an interesting change in Israeli politics and seems to have had a salutary, if partial, effect on the internal politics of the other parties.

Meaningful democratization means making it possible for the electorate to come as close as possible to selecting the men who will actually rule the country. For this purpose it is essential that the electorate be able to judge between the candidates whom the parties are proposing for specific posts.

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DAVAT (Hastadrut) says that "the relative lull in hostilities in southern Lebanon is due not only to the fighting capacity of the local Lebanese forces, but to the deterrent capacity of Israel." "The Lebanese Christians have interpreted Foreign Minister Allon's statement two days ago as a public guarantee of military intervention in the event of their being endangered. This interpretation is not very much at variance with the impression the government wanted to create. Israel must persevere in this policy in order to permit a gradual stabilization of the situation south of the Litani in such a way as to protect Israel's vital interests."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says that "Syria is trying to retard progress by the terrorists in order to prove to the U.S. prior to the Carter-Assad talks that Syria in fact constitutes a restraining force in Lebanon. Syria also wishes to avoid a clash with Israel at present as this would not serve Syrian interests."

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BETWEEN 85 and 90 per cent of the members of the Ninth Knesset were selected last Tuesday. This was when the lists of the 23 parties running in the elections were handed in to the Central Elections Committee. Only the remaining 10-15 per cent will be determined by the elections on May 17.

The truth of this statement, which seems to fly in the face of the democratic basis of the electoral process, is predicated on the assumption that each party is assured of its "safe" seats. This assumption has always been true in the past and will in all likelihood be true on May 17.

The Alignment is expected to go down considerably from its present 49 seats in the Knesset; the question is will it go down to 40 or to 35? The Likud is expected to barely hold its own of close to 40 or to go down to the mid-30s; the National Religious Party is expected to lose one or two seats from its present strength of 10; the Communist Democratic Front is expected to rise from its present four to six or seven. The Democratic Movement for Change, because it is a completely new party, has the greatest uncertainty attached to its prospects for "safe" seats; the estimates vary between 15 and 25.

Working within these parameters the most striking feature of the Ninth Knesset will be the number of new faces in the chamber. In all likelihood there will be between 80 and 90 new Knesset Members. The lower figure was arrived at by adding up the 16 new candidates among the Alignment's first 40; the 13 from the Likud's first 35; 16 of the first 20 of the Democratic Movement for Change were new MKs; two of the NRP's first eight are new, and so on. The higher figure may be obtained from different marginal results in the elections.

At first glance, such a high turnover is astounding. The fact is, however, that the turnover in the last few Knessets has been quite high, about 40 new MKs in each Knesset, and more if one considers the interim changes. The really astounding fact in the past has been how little meaningful political change has been brought about by this high rate of turnover in the Knesset's composition, which says something about the actual importance of that political body.

The new Knesset will be younger than the outgoing one with the average age going down from somewhere in the low 50s to the mid-40s. The number of Arab and Druse MKs will rise to eight or nine from the present six, and MKs from an *adol hamizrah* origin will most likely increase from the present 18 to perhaps 25.

This last figure is problematic, for it has to do with the semantics of

PORTRAIT OF THE NEXT KNESSET

There are likely to be between 50 and 60 new members among the 120 in the next Knesset, writes YOSEF GOELL. But nearly all the new faces will be those of

long-time party men, who have frozen out the hopeful generals, professors and even ambassadors.

ethnic affiliation in use in Israel politics. Eli Moyal and Jacques Amir of the Alignment and David Levy of the Likud, for example, began political life as "professionals" — as such, Shimon Hillel of the Alignment similarly started off as a "professional" Iraqi but has now attained the stature of national leadership and it is not certain how he should be viewed when the ethnic categorization starts. Nor is it clear how one is to view "Sephardi" Yitzhak Navon of the Alignment and "Iraqi" Moshe Nissim of the Likud, for example.

The best example of such confusion was seen in the flap over the results of the DMC internal elections, with the "fact" that only one representative of *adol hamizrah* made it into the first 20 places. Mordechai Alagbari in number 15. Conveniently overlooked was the fact that Shmuel Toledano in number seven is a Sephardi (but is categorized as an establishment "Arabist"); that Shlomo Eliyahu in number 16 is an Iraqi but is viewed as a rich business prodigy; that Shlomo Levy in number 17 was born in Damascus but no one remembers.

This problem of who is what and who can best be expected to represent whom will continue to plague us with the expected intensification of the role of ethnicity in politics in the coming years.

In this connection one point generally overlooked is the fact that the 100,000 and more Soviet olim who arrived during the past eight years will have no direct representative anywhere in the sure part of the lists, despite the zeal with which they were wooed by politicians only a few years ago.

Leaving aside the question of ethnic and sectoral representation,

the most striking aspect of the new lists in the aggregate is that they constitute a victory for the younger and middle aged politicians who have been patiently climbing the greasy pole of party politics. Since 1959 many such hopefuls have been bitterly disappointed by the practice of "parashuting" in dazzling names from outside the world of party politics to lend the otherwise grey lists some political sex appeal. This began with the injection of Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peres and Abba Eban in the Mapai list in 1959 and reached a height after the Six Day War with each party coopting its own "generals."

Nearly all the new faces this time are those of long-time party men with hopeful new "generals," "professors" and even "ambassadors" having been effectively frozen out by the professional politicians. Basketball stars and pop singers have mercifully not yet made their appearance in these elections.

The major exception to this generalization is the DMC which is largely constituted of "names" coming from outside professional party politics, which, of course, is the whole point of a reformist party touting a message of change.

An important point to consider when viewing the life expectancy of the Ninth Knesset and the stability of the government or governments it will select, is the weakening of the internal loyalties and solidarity of the major, and even of the minor, lists.

Moshe Dayan, who was negotiating for a place on the Likud list one day before the Alignment submitted its list with him in number 7, is a time bomb; there is no telling when he will leave the Alignment,

although he is certain to go through the motions of threatening to leave. Despite Mapam's well deserved reputation of talking and threatening much and doing little in regard to leaving the Alignment, the situation within its ranks and within the Kibbutz Ha'arzi is so tense that it may well leave the Alignment after it has secured its five-six seats, which it probably could not now win running on its own.

The Likud, thanks to off-burned Shimon Hillel, has prevented the injection of a Dayan-like time bomb in the person of mercurial Arik Sharon. But it is far from certain whether the Liberals will remain in the Likud if power is once again snatched from its hands by the formation of a Labour-DMC coalition which might be pleased to take on 12-13 Liberals as an alternative to including the newly-bawled NRP.

Nor is the unity of the NRP guaranteed in such an eventuality. The four or five "doves" of the NRP under the leadership of Dr. Burg may well choose to enter a Labour coalition in return for purely "religious" concessions, leaving the "hawkish Hammerites" out in the cold, and perhaps out of the NRP.

Nor will the DMC be immune to these tensions. In the event of a great DMC success in the elections — 20-25 seats — they will be the party which will determine the nature of the next government by deciding to team up either with the Likud or with the Alignment. Given the different driving motivations of the men who make up this new party, the decision may well lead to a split. If one resorts to a more optimistic reading of the internal solidarity of the DMC and of the flexibility and political foxiness of its as yet untried leaders, such a position may, on the contrary,

yield unproportional political power to some DMC people even in the event of the premiership for Yadin rather than a split.

The coalition-building process which usually takes at least six weeks following the elections is an excruciating period of uncertainty. This time it will be all the more so, given the many possible permutations which will exist for the first time. What seems to be clear is that the initial choice of a man who will be charged with leading a government will confer great advantage of manoeuvre on him and his party. This will be a choice to make, with real power the first time in Israel's political history.

Another possibility to look for is that of the formation of an amoral coalition of Knesset "freelancers" from all parties to force some air into Knesset and its proceedings and internal organization. The array which has spread over governmental level of leadership may well invite such an attempt. The part of the new coalition partners who will have a clear majority in the new House. What is not such a parliamentary revolution does take place will depend on the emergence of a Knesset leadership concerned with asserting the role of the Legislature vis-a-vis the Government rather than the usual Governmental domination in the Knesset.

Signs have been mounting since the Ninth Knesset will be the last elected under the present system of country-wide proportional representation in which voting is for parties rather than for individuals. After 20-odd years, it seems to be a consensus that some form of constitutional amendment is needed to replace the Ninth Knesset with a new system.

The far from perfect, but as yet impressive, attempt at democratization of some of the internal party nominating and building processes which have dominated our political life for the past few weeks, may thus be viewed as a transition to a new system.

The problems which emerge from this process should be viewed as a warning that electoral reform forced upon time has obviously come, and that it may well be the most important of their plans. The Ninth Knesset will be the last in the country to have to live with its own and product for quite some time.

One may give voice to a hope that in the midst of a frenetic campaign, that the safe can be withdrawn to the Ninth Knesset will be a record this matter the sober could not be secreted. It deserves.

READERS' LETTERS

THE FALL OF PREMIER RABIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — A great tragedy has befallen our Prime Minister and Israel itself. But who among us has never erred in his life, and having recognized that error, has become a better man for it?

Here is a man who can be classified as one of the great heroes of Israel. All we now going to turn our backs on this man has done for the State of Israel and remember only the one moment of error in his life? Or are we going to voice our confidence in this outstanding man and show that we are indeed a great people that does not act as a mob hungry for blood?

LEO ARGAND
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Rabin was the victim of a foolish regulation and had to end his illustrious career in an ignominious manner.

Experience has shown that, when a substantial majority of the population consider a law unjust and unfair, they will violate it until it is rescinded, or until it is not enforced. Continued enforcement will lead to deleterious results, as witness the history of prohibition and pot laws in the United States. Eventually, these laws were abolished or changed.

S. LEVIN
Bat Yam.

Sir, — Nowhere in the local or foreign press have I read an accusation against the real culprits in the Rabin affair: the bank clerk who apparently never heard of banking

secrecy, and the bank which employs such a clerk. In some countries, divulging banking secrets is a criminal offence; in others, it is a matter for civil action if material damage can be proven.

THEODORE DAVID
Tiberias

Sir, — If the Treasury feels V.I.P.'s deserve lighter sentences than run-of-the-mill offenders (on the premise that "the taller they are the harder they fall") — let it push toward anchoring in law two sets of criteria: one lenient for top politicians, the other, strict, for the rest of the people.

Given two sets of sentencing criteria, I believe the one applied to V.I.P.'s should be the harsher of the two because their offence — when exposed — is much more damaging to the country than an equal offence committed by an anonymous citizen.

In the case of the Rabins, the following damage, *inter alia*, was caused to Israel:

1. Worldwide bad reputation.
2. Increased political instability.
3. Spread of cynicism towards Israeli laws.
4. Further loss of faith in the integrity of the present leadership. (The spectacle of a labour leader urging people to tighten their belts while he and his wife maintain a \$150,000 bank account in the U.S. for the purpose of buying foreign-made clothes and gifts for their family is sickening.)

OUTRAGED
(Name and Address Supplied.)
Tel Aviv.

THE STATUS OF WOMEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — This is in reply to the letter of Yitzhak Charney, "Women's Status and Aliya" (March 11) in which he replies to a letter by Pauline Bart on the same subject.

To begin with, Dr. Pauline Bart, who was visiting Israel during her Sabbatical from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School, Department of Psychiatry at the Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine, is an authority in her field — she doesn't just "consider herself an authority," and perhaps should have been referred to by Mr. Charney as Dr. Bart rather than Ms. Bart. As to his reference to "Ms. Bart's circle in Chicago," she is in the forefront of the national feminist movement in the United States, and her "circle" encompasses the 50 states of the United States, as well as many other countries of the world. She devotes her life and her treasure to the improvement of the status of women all over the world.

To bring Mr. Charney up to date, there is no longer a draft for men to serve in the armed forces of the

United States. It would therefore follow that there is certainly no draft for women to be drafted. It is interesting to note, however, that many young women are volunteering in all branches of the armed services, and have been received into the various officer training schools.

As we read Dr. Bart's letter, we saw no indication that she downgraded Israel or Israeli women who have risen to the top. She is pointing out the innumerable ways in which women in general are still discriminated against. How could she downgrade Israel, coming as she does from a long line of devout Zionists who have worked for the establishment and the continued existence of the State.

MILDRED LACKOW
(The mother of Pauline Bart)
Santa Barbara, California.

RESPECT FOR FLAG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I believe the Gush Emunim supporters who caught refuge under the national flag as a cloudburst drenched their parade route should be ashamed of themselves. (Your front-page photo of April 8). Have they no respect for our national flag?

FRITZ COHEN
Tel Aviv

GREEDY STRIKERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — So once again irresponsible (if not actively subversive) union officials, backed one must assume by greedily irresponsible and glibly membership, are hitting the tourists' hands that feed them, in their reckless tactics to gain an ever larger bite of Israel's lean economic pie.

Not only does their greedy violation of Israel's paying guests negate all the efforts of tourism promoters, but the economic health if not the survival of the airline that feeds them is pushed more and more towards the fate of Maritime Fruit. One cannot but wonder if there is not some more sinister manipulation of glibly union members evident in this rash of strikes in sensitive and vital services.

What these irresponsible money-grubbers don't realize is that you can't turn tourists on a again like a tap when you've turned them off, and that one sour experience spreads like an infection in tourism agencies and conversations, to turn hundreds of others from ever spending their holiday money in that direction.

GRANT B. LIVINGSTONE
Jerusalem.

PENFRIENDS

ALFRED JANSSEN (26), of Paukenstraat 83, Uden, Noord Brabant 6200, Holland, would like to have Israeli penfriends. He is interested in architecture and business administration.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin's letter of March 22, 1977, deserves wide publicity here in Israel. In the U.S. and wherever fair-minded people live, Recognition of Magen David Adom is long, very long overdue. Why should M.D.A. continue to be a beggar for recognition when it is always among the first to respond to calamities everywhere in the world?

As a first duty, Israelis and Jews of the world, as well as justice-seeking non-Jews, should immediately heed Rabbi Dobin's call to flood Mr. Alexander Hay, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland, with a demand for long overdue recognition.

BENJAMIN L. HILLSON
Herzliya.

CRUELTY TO DOGS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — According to your report of March 13 concerning the mysterious death of 30 dogs and the subsequent investigation, it appears that the Beit Dagon Veterinary Institute actually fed more of the poisoned food to live animals in order to ascertain whether or not the food was at fault.

Is this Institute so lacking in facilities and knowledge that it is unable to carry out simple chemical analyses? Was it really necessary to have used such a primitive, barbaric method on living animals?

RAYMOND
E.S. SHIGNE
Rayon.

CONSUMER SHIELD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I wish to express my admiration and appreciation of a decision by Jerry Weinstein and Mrs. Chana Baum and her colleagues of Tzavim, a consumer shield for their latest labour federation raising the level of health care in Israel. I refer, of course, to the Supreme Court action against the Ministry of Health after the official report of the Ministry of Health and pesticide contamination of the milk (March 15).

Having personally experienced great deal of ignorance on a cooling-off period and negative and apologetic attitudes on the other in the last three weeks, it is my feeling that the shipping coalition attempt at law enforcement is highly commendable.

This organization deserves medals. But the active support of us all must be given. MRS. LIVIA GREENBERG, a reply Secretary-General.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your issue of March 15, your correspondent, Asher reports on the meeting of the Election Committee.

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